MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

March 7, 2006

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution directing County

Manager to designate a County department to implement an education program relating to

condominium conversions

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

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(Revised)

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FROM:	Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)		
I	Please note any items checked.		
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised		
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing		
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing		
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget		
	Budget required		
	Statement of fiscal impact required		
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation		
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing		

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(11)
Veto		3-7-06	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO DESIGNATE A DEPARTMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 17.01 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, "CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS; EXTENSION OF RENTAL AGREEMENTS"

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted legislation, commonly known as the "Roth Act," related to condominium conversions; and

WHEREAS, the Roth Act creates certain rights for tenants residing in rental housing units subject to conversion from rental housing to condominiums, including but not limited to the right to extend their rental agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Roth Act authorizes counties, including charter counties, to adopt ordinances extending the notice requirements for an additional 90 days following findings by said counties that there exist a vacancy rate in rental housing of three percent (3%) or less and that there is a housing emergency so grave as to constitute a serious menace to the general public and that such controls are necessary and proper to eliminate such grave housing emergency; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1980, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 80-87, codified at Section 17-01 of the Code of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance found that the vacancy rates in rental housing in Miami-Dade County was three percent (3%) or less and that there existed a housing emergency in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the surge in condominium conversions continues to be on the rise in Miami-Dade County resulting in a depletion of the supply of available rental housing units; and

WHEREAS, many Miami-Dade residents are unaware of their rights under the Roth Act and Section 17-01 of the Code of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to educate the public concerning their obligations and rights under these laws,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is directed to designate a department of Miami-Dade County to develop and implement a program to educate the public concerning their obligations and rights under Section 17.01 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro Audrey M. Edmonson Sally A. Heyman Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto Jose "Pepe" Diaz Carlos A. Gimenez Barbara J. Jordan Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:______ Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Terrence A. Smith